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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOUSING LINES REDESIGNATED East Baton Rouge Parish Impacted—Additional Area Now Eligible for Housing Programs

AMITE, March 31, 2005 – The boundary lines that determine areas of East Baton Rouge Parish eligible for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development single family housing programs are being re-drawn according to Michael B. Taylor, State Director.

USDA Rural Development has conducted a review of the area south of Highway 64, within the corporate limits of the City of Zachary, and has determined that the availability of the single family housing program is needed in this community. Therefore, the ineligible area in East Baton Rouge Parish will be bounded as follows:

East: Bounded by the Amite River: Beginning at the junction of the Amite River and the East Baton Rouge/Ascension Parish line, proceed north along the parish line until it intersects with the Comite River. Then, proceed northwest along the Comite River until it intersects with Highway 64.

North: Bounded by Highway 64: At the intersection of the Comite River and Highway 64 proceed west along Highway 64 until it intersects with the eastern corporate limits of the City of Zachary. Then follow the corporate limits of the City of Zachary south of Highway 64 until the western corporate limits intersect with Highway 64, then continue west along Highway 64 until it intersects with the Mississippi River.

West: Bounded by the Mississippi River: At the intersection of Highway 64 and the Mississippi River, proceed south along the Mississippi River until it intersects with the East Baton Rouge/Iberville Parish line.

South: Bounded by the parish line: At the intersection of the Mississippi River and the East Baton Rouge/Iberville Parish line follow the parish line to the point of beginning.

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The change will not be effective for ninety days to allow for public comments. Any comments or objections should be sent to:

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